

40. The workpieces of claim 39, wherein the process further include selecting the number of said workpieces of said transport batches to be an integer fraction of the number of said workpieces of a station batch of a transport destination station.

A 41. The workpieces of claim 39, wherein the process further includes selecting the number of said workpieces of said transport batches to be an integer fraction of the number of said workpieces of a station ~~batch~~ of a transport departure station.

42. The workpieces' of claim 27, wherein the process includes providing said workpieces in said stations within a mobile magazine.

43. The workpieces of claim 42, wherein the process includes transporting said workpieces to and from said stations within said mobile magazine.

44. The workpieces of claim 27, wherein the process includes mutually and controllably isolating at least a part of stations provided at facility.

REMARKS

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #621/43633C3).

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